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Date prepared: 8/11/70

Date received	Received from *(name or symbol number)*	Received by
8/10/70	[redacted]	SA STEPHEN P. RIGGIN

Method of delivery *(check appropriate blocks)*

☐ in person ☒ by telephone ☐ by mail ☐ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:
Date 8/11/70
Dictated _____ to _____
Transcribed _____
Authenticated by Informant _____

Date of Report: 8/10/70

Date(s) of activity: CURRENT

Brief description of activity or material:
ACTIVITIES AT WDC CHAPTER OR BPP

File where original is located if not attached: [redacted]

* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE. VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

☐ Information recorded on a card index by _____ on date _____.

Remarks:
INFORMANT HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST.

(4) WFO
1-157-2663 (WILLIAMS)
1-100-45995 (BPP)
1-157-2825 (BPP-WDC)
[redacted]

(2) BALTIMORE (RM)

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Washington, D.C.
August 10, 1970

JIM WILLIAMS met with ELBERT "BIG MAN" HOWARD at the Community Center on Saturday night, 8/8/70, in connection with the planning session for the new Constitutional Convention.

The third floor of the Community Center is used for sleeping quarters, while the second floor contains several offices. Part of this area is used for storing copies and packages of the BPP newspaper, both old and new.

Two black females. THERESA FOSTER and MARTHA RICHARDSON, allegedly connected with a community action group in Seat Pleasant, Maryland, visited the Community Center on 8/10/70, to seek BPP assistance in organizing their group.

Political Education classes at the Community Center have been discontinued in the mornings and are now held on Wednesday and Friday nights. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights are considered Community Nights.

Word was received from BPP National Headquarters instructing BPP membership is to be bestowed on all persons who have worked and participated in local BPP activities for a period of four to six months, depending on the individual case.

The above is a xeroxed copy of the original informant report.

All necessary action which should be taken in connection with this information has been taken.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 8/14/69

FROM : SA Gene S. Weimer

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)

☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R

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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact 8/13/69

Titles and File #s on which contacted

RM -	157-857
BUF- RM	~~157-3043~~
UBB - RM	~~157- 3742~~

Re: RM - (157-857)

Purpose and results of contact

☒ NEGATIVE
☐ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Captioned individual advised had no knowledge of any ~~problem~~ Racial unrest in this area of Southern Md.

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Re: Black United Front -RM 157- 3043
United Black Brotherhood - Rm 157- 3742

Source stated he never heard of capt oned organizations; knew nothing about them; has heard no talk of any kind regarding any such named orgaization in Southern Md. area or plans ~~for~~ to start up in this area.

P/S 9/18/69

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.

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Coverage Same

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157- 3742

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 8/14/69

FROM : SA Gene S. Weimer

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
☒

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
8/13/69

Titles and File #s on which contacted

RM -	~~157- 857~~
Black United Front - RM	~~157- 3043~~
United Black Brotherhood - RM	~~157- 3742~~

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Re: RM - 157-857

Captioned Source advised he was aware of no pertinent Racial problem in Charles Co., Md. at this time. He will contact Leonardtown RA promptly in event he should hear of any planned demonstration or disturbance of any kind.

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Re: BUF 157-3043
UBB 157-3742

Subject matter discreetly discussed with Source and he said he had no knowledge concerning any Negro orgaizations as Black United Front or United Black Brotherhood and has heard nothing regarding any such named organization endeavoring to set up a chapter in Southern Maryland area. Source said will keep this in mind and will advise FBI of anything pertinent he might hear about.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
	F	Same

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC [redacted]

DATE: 8/13/69

FROM : SA Gene S. Weimer

☐ CI ☐ SI ☐ R (Prob)
☐ PCI ☐ PSI ☐ R
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SUBJECT: [redacted]

Dates of Contact
8/6/69

Titles and File #s on which contacted

RM	157-857
Black United Front - RM	157-3043
United Black Brotherhood - RM	157-3742

Purpose and results of contact

☐ NEGATIVE
☒ POSITIVE
☐ STATISTIC

Re: RM (157- 857)

Source advised aware of no serios racial problems in St. Marys Co.,Md.

Re: Black United Front -RM (157-3043)
United Black Brotherhood -RM (157-3742)

Captioned matters discreetly discussed with Source but he states was not aware of any such organizations in oerpation or planning to operate in St. Marys Co., Md. Source will immediatdy advise FBI in event he hears anything along line s of subject matter.

☐ Informant certified that he has furnished all information obtained by him since last contact.	Rating	Coverage
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157- 3043 157-3742

SAC, Washington Field Office (157-2159) 8/11/69

SAC, Baltimore (157-3742)

UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, aka
RM

(OO: WFO)

ReBAlet to WFO dated 8/4/69.

On 8/1/69, SA GENE S. WEIMER was advised by Mr. WILLIAM NORMAN, Clerk, in Sheriff's Office, Charles County, Maryland, that no record could be located identifiable with a WILLIAM C. DE MENT, Sr.

Mr. THOMAS CARROLL, Manager of Southern Maryland Credit Bureau, La Plata, Maryland, advised SA WEIMER on 8/1/69, that the files of this Bureau contain no record for a WILLIAM C. DE MENT, Sr. of Star Route 3, Box 596, Waldorf, Maryland.

2 - WFO (Registered Mail)
1 - Baltimore

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RWC on this 9/19/69

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157-3742
8/6/69

Re: serial # 12

Following investigation conducted by SA, Gene S. Weimer at Charles Co., Md.

Mr. Thomas Carroll, Mgr. of Southern Maryland Credit Bureau advised 8/1/69 he could locate no record for a William C. Dement, Sr., Waldorf, Md.

Mr. William Norman, clerk, Sheriff's Office, La Plata, Md. advised files disclose no record in name of William C. Dement.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12777)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-2159) (P)

UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, UBB, aka
RM
(OO:WFO)

157-3760*
157-3742*

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two information copies are furnished for Pittsburgh due to information therein relating to DAVID OWENS and the UBB in Pittsburgh, and one information copy is furnished for Cleveland and Baltimore because of the alleged machine gun practice by COX and two persons from Cleveland somewhere in Maryland.

The confidential source mentioned in LHM is [redacted], who furnished reported information to SA DONALD P. MAIBERGER on 8/6/69. The LHM has been classified "Confidential" to protect this source. Copies of the LHM have been disseminated locally to the AUSA, Secret Service, and local military intelligence agencies.

It is noted that all or part of the above information is believed to be known at this time to a very restricted number of UBB members. Accordingly, no active investigation based thereon is being requested, and the information should otherwise be given appropriately secure handling.

2- Bureau (Enc. 11)
1- Baltimore (Encl 1) (RM) (Info)
1- Cleveland (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info)
2- Pittsburgh (Enc. 2) (RM)
1- WFO

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WFO will follow developments in matters set out in LHM through established sources, keeping Bureau and interested offices advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, D.C. 20535
August 6, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD (UBB)

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that Walter Bishop Cox, acknowledged leader of the UBB in Washington, D.C. (WDC), has decided that the office of the UBB at 3110 Georgia Avenue, N.W., will have to be closed in the near future. One of the reasons cited by Cox for closing the office is that there is too much narcotics and other criminal activity in the area. Source advised that this decision of Cox was made with full knowledge that David Owens, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who has been adivising and guiding the UBB at WDC, had recently ruled that the office should remain open.

Source advised, further, that Cox does not intend to take any action concerning the instructions of David Owens that Cox procure $2,000 for the purchase of .30 and .50 caliber machine guns from Owens. It was indicated that Cox feels that guns could be obtained more cheaply in WDC.

Source learned that Cox claims to have recently purchased a machine gun, and to have been practicing his shooting at an unknown place in Maryland. Cox said that two persons from Cleveland, Ohio, who recently were in Pittsburgh, practiced shooting with him. These two persons were not further identified.

Source also learned that Cox has let it be known to the UBB membership in WDC, that, in Cox's opinion, two of the present members of the UBB in WDC should be excluded from future UBB activities. Source identified these two members as Wally Strange and Lloyd Jacobs.

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SAC, WFO (157-2159) 8/4/69

SAC, BALTIMORE (157-3742) -P-

UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, aka
RM
(OO: WFO)

RE Baltimore letter to WFO, dated 6/9/69; WFO letter to Bureau, dated 4/2/69.

Enclosed for WFO are 9 copies of an FD-302 reflecting results of record check of the Cheasapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland.

Telephone number 685-7302 is listed for WALTER ROBINSON, at 920 East Biddle Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

On 7/15/69, SA THOMAS G. RYAN caused a check to be made of the Credit Bureau of Baltimore and was advised by Mrs. MILDRED C. EDWARDS that no record could be located identifiable with ROBINSON.

On 7/14/69, SA JAMES P. BROWN caused a check to be made of the records of the State Central Crime Records Bureau, Maryland State Police and the Baltimore County Police Bureau and was advised by clerks S. RATEN and INEZ MILLARD , that no record could be located at their respective agencies identifiable with ROBINSON.

On 7/16/69 SA THOMAS J. REPPE caused a check to be made of the records of the Central Records Division Baltimore City Police Department and was advised by clerk BARBARA GARRETT that no record could be located identifiable with ROBINSON.

Telephone #286-2949 is listed to REMUS E. LYLES, Brighton Dam Road, Clarksville, Maryland.

2-WFO REGISTERED MAIL (Enc. 9)
2-Baltimore
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On 7/15/69, SA THOMAS G. RYAN caused a check to be made of the records of the Credit Bureau of Baltimore and was advised by Mrs. MILDRED C. EDWARDS that no records could be located identifiable with LYLES.

On 7/14/69, SA JAMES P. BROWN caused a check to be made of the records of State Central Crime Records Bureau, Maryland State Police and the Baltimore County Police Bureau and Clerks S. ROTEN and INEZ respectively advised that no record identifiable with LYLES could be located with their agencies.

On 7/16/69, SA THOMAS REPPE caused a check to be made of the records of the Central Records Division, Baltimore City Police Dept., and was advised by Clerk BARBARA GARRETT that no record could be located identifiable with LYLES.

LEADS:

BALTIMORE

AT WALDORF, MD.

Will conduct credit and criminal checks on WILLIAM C. DE MENT, Sr., Route 3, Box 596, Waldorf, Maryland.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/6/69

Records of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland reflect the following:

286-2949 - REMUS E. LYLES,
Brighton Dam Road, Clarksville, Maryland;

465-5550 - Major Motors,
398 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore;

725-9663 - (Paystation) Laurel Hotel,
Main Street, Laurel, Maryland;

746-3681 - No such number in C&P System;

685-7302 - WALTER ROBINSON,
920 E. Biddle Street, Baltimore, Maryland;

645-8351 - WILLIAM C. DE MENT, SR.,
Rt. 3, Box 596, Waldorf, Maryland.

The above is not to be made a matter of public record without the issuace of a subpoena duces tecum directed to the attention of Mr. C. HERBERT ROUSE, Supervisor, Security Division, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland, 802 Blaustein Building, 1 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

On 4/28/69 at Baltimore, Maryland File# BA ~~157-3760~~ 157-3742-13 9

by SA MARION M. WRIGHT:aen Date dictated 5/2/69

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SAC, WFO (157-2159) 6/9/69

SAC, BALTIMORE (157-~~3760~~ 3744) (P)

UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, aka
RM
OO: WFO

Re WFO letter to the Bureau, 4/2/69.

C. HERBERT ROUSE, Security Supervisor, C & P Telephone Company of Maryland, advised SA MARION M. WRIGHT on 6/2/69 that records of his company reflected the following:

Telephone 286-2949 is listed to REMUS E. LYLES, Brighton Dam Road, Clarksville, Maryland.

Telephone 465-5550 is listed to Major Motor, 398 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, Maryland.

Telephone 725-9663 is a pay station at Laurel Hotel, Main and Washington Boulevard, Laurel, Maryland.

Telephone 685-7302 is listed to WALTER ROBINSON's Tavern at 920 East Biddle Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Telephone 645-8351 is listed to WILLIAM C. DEMENT, SR., Route 3, Box 596, Waldorf, Maryland.

LEADS:

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT WALDORF, MARYLAND

Conduct credit and criminal check on WILLIAM C. DEMENT, SR., Waldorf, Maryland.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Conduct credit and criminal checks on WALTER ROBINSON, who apparently owns a tavern at 920 East Biddle Street and also conduct the same investigation on REMUS E.

2-WFO (REGISTERED MAIL)
2-Baltimore
MMW: mkh
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BA 157-3760

LYLES of Brighton Dam Road, Clarksville, Maryland.

Suggest this case be re-assigned.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (157-3742)

DATE: 5/8/69

FROM : SA MARION M. WRIGHT

SUBJECT: UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, aka
RM

Re WFO letter to Director, 4/2/69.

Re letter sets forth certain telephone numbers and requested that Maryland subscribers to these numbers be identified.

On 5/5/69, C. HERBERT ROUSE, Security Supervisor, (Protect identity), C&P Telephone Company of Maryland, advised SA MARION M. WRIGHT that his records reflect the following: Lewis Shank Lewis Shank 66-1874-3

Telephone number 286-2949 is listed to LEWIS D. SHANK, Walt Ann Drive, Shepherd Glen, Maryland.

Telephone number 465-5550 is listed to Major Motors, Inc., 398 Baltimore National Pike, Baltimore, Maryland.

Telephone number 725-9663 is a pay station located at the Laurel Hotel, Main Street, Laurel, Maryland.

Telephone number 685-7302 is listed to WALTER M. ROBINSON, 920 E. Biddle Street, Baltimore, (this is a tavern).

Telephone number 645-8351 is listed to Mr. WILLIAM C. DEMENT, SR., Route 3, Box 596, Waldorf, Maryland.

It is recommended that this matter be re-assigned for further investigation.

Wm Dement Sr.
Wm C. Dement
Wm Dement

Walter Robinson
62-319-767 78 — 700 blk George St
87-1195 AKA - Wm Lester Burgess
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1 - Baltimore
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

157-3742

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE (~~157-3760~~ 157) DATE: 5/6/69

FROM : SA MARION M. WRIGHT

SUBJECT: UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, aka
RM

Re WFO letter to Bureau, 4/2/69.

An FD-302 identifying subscribers as requested in referenced letter has been completed.

It is therefore suggested that this matter be reassigned for further inestigation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: APR 29 1969

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-3738) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, aka
RM

CARVER GENE NEBLETT, aka
RM

Re WFO airtel to the Director 3/11/69.

A review of the files of the Philadelphia Field Division failed to reflect any information concerning the United Black Brotherhood (UBB) or the existence of a Chapter of the UBB in the Philadelphia Division.

Logical racial sources of the Philadelphia Division were contacted and they advised that they had no information concerning the UBB or the existence of a Chapter in Philadelphia. A record of the contacts is maintained in the Philadelphia file.

Information copies of instant communication are being sent to Baltimore, Boston and San Francisco since they received copies of re airtel.

2 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Baltimore (Info) (RM)
1 - Boston (Info) (RM)
1 - Pittsburgh (RM)
1 - San Francisco (Info) (RM)
2 - WFO (RM)
1 - Philadelphia (157-3738)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706 Sub 53) 4/2/69

SAC, WFO (157-2159)

UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, aka
Black Panther Party, Washington, D.C.,
Black Defenders Party, Washington, D.C.
RM
(OO:WFO)

157-3241-2320

ReBulet 2/17/69, which instructed WFO to obtain toll call records charged to the business and residence telephones of ROBERT RIPPY in Washington, D.C., for October, November, and December, 1968. It is noted that at that time RIPPY was the leading figure in captioned organization, and that during that period it was known by the name BLACK PANTHER PARTY for the most part.

The following is the result of the record check obtained by SA JAMES GAFFNEY from [redacted] on 3/11/69:

To Betty 4/16/69

2 - Bureau
2 - Cleveland(RM)
2 - Baltimore (RM)
2 - Newark (RM)
2 - New York (RM)
2 - WFO
(1 - 157-1683) (RIPPY)

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Toll charges for Telephone Number 234-0731, Mrs. ASALEE RIPPY, 38 Channing Road, N.W.;

DATE	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NO.	TIME IN MINUTES	AM'T
August 1968	NO TOLL CHARGES			
8/31/69	From Germany	Unknown	9	22.50
9/10/68	Clarksville, Maryland	301-286-2949	3	.25
9/11/68	Clarksville, Maryland	301-286-2949	1	.25
9/16/68	Clarksville, Maryland	301-286-2949	17	.95
10/8/68	Clarksville, Maryland	301-286-2949	1	.25
10/10/68	Clarksville, Maryland	301-286-2949	41	2.15
10/15/68	Clarksville, Maryland	301-286-2949	22	1.20
10/3/68	Clarksville, Maryland	301-286-2949	6	.40
11/7/68	New York City	212-582-4800	2	1.00
11/11/68	Clarksville, Maryland	301-286-2949	14	.80

No Tolls for December, 1968 or January, 1969.

Toll charges for Telephone Number 202-526-6121, RIPPY's Wig Fashions, 3114 Georgia Avenue, N.W.;

DATE	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NO.	TIME IN MINUTES	AM'T
8/26/68	Ellicott City, Maryland	301-465-5550	1	.30
9/24/68	Laurel, Maryland	301-725-9663	7	.45
10/17/68	Queens, New York City	212-786-0960	10	2.20
11/2/68	Montclair, Maryland	201-746-3681	2	.60

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WFO 157-2159

Toll calls made from 526-6122 and changed to 526-6121.

DATE	PLACE CALLED	TELEPHONE NUMBER	TIME IN MINUTES	AM'T
8/15/68	Cleveland, Ohio	216-381-0492	6	1.75
9/12/68	Ellicott City, Maryland	301-465-5550	1	.30
9/19/68	Baltimore, Maryland	301-685-7302	4	.45
10/1/68	Waldorf, Maryland	301-645-8351	4	.30

No Tolls on bills dated 12/14/68 and 2/14/69.

Baltimore, Cleveland, Newark, New York are requested to identify subscribers to above listed numbers in their respective areas. Appropriate checks should then be conducted concerning these subscribers, through indices, local police intelligence agencies and racial sources, and information deemed pertinent to the investigation of this black nationalist organization should be furnished to the Bureau and WFO.

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3/11/69

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO

CHANGED
UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, aka
Black Panther Party, Washington, D.C.;
Black Defenders Party, Washington, D.C., 157-3241-232 I
RM
(OO:WFO)
WFOfile 157-2159

CARVER GENE HEBLETT, aka 157-3241-431 I
157-2824-59 I
RM
(OO:BS)
WFOfile 157-1761

Re WFO teletype 3/5/69 captioned "BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka, RM."

Title is marked changed to show the current name UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, formerly known as Black Panther

6 - Bureau (Enc. 14)
(1 - 105-165706 Sub 53) (BPP)
(1 - 62-111663) (HEBLETT)
1 - Baltimore (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - Boston (100-37622) (HEBLETT) (Enc. 2) (RM)
1 - New York (Enc. 1) (RM)
1 - San Francisco (157-1580) (BPP) (Enc. 1) (RM) (AM)
2 - WFO
(1 - 157-2159)
(1 - 157-1761)

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PPH PPH

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WFO 157-2159

Party, Washington, D.C., and Black Defenders Party, Washington, D.C.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of an LHM dated as above and captioned UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD, aka, Black Panther Party, Washington, D.C.; Black Defenders Party, Washington, D.C., concerning the relationship between the presence of NEBLETT in WDC and changes taking place in captioned organization in this city. Information copies of instant airtel and LHM are provided for Baltimore, New York, and San Francisco, in view of their interest in developments in this matter. Two copies are provided for Boston, office of origin in investigation of NEBLETT.

The confidential source mentioned in LHM is [redacted] who furnished information to SA PAUL E. MORRISON on 3/5/69.

The LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect identity of above listed source. It is being disseminated locally to ABSA, Secret Service, and local military intelligence services.

As the LHM pointed out, WALTER COX dominated the television panel program. It should be noted in addition, that RIPPY played an active but secondary role in the program. Further, Mr. WALLACE, who was actually WALLACE STRANGE, played an active role, speaking at length, but frequently off the subject, and noticeably deferred to COX. HARRISON played no active role in the program.

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UNITED BLACK BROTHERHOOD
also known as Black Panther Party, Washington, D.C.;
Black Defenders Party, Washington, D.C.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that a press conference was held at Ed Murphy's Supper Club, 2227 Georgia Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), by Carver Gene Neblett at approximately 2 p.m. on March 5, 1969. Source advised the conference was very poorly attended and consisted solely of a reading by Neblett of the following press release:

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Black Panther Party (BPP), 375 Blue Hill Avenue, Roxbury, Massachusetts, phone: 617-427-9693, March 5, 1969, Washington, D.C., Brothers and Sisters: I have called this press conference to deal with repeated rumors and news reports concerning the existence of a so-called "Black Panther" group here in WDC. As East Coast Field Marshall of the National Black Panther Party, I wish to set the record straight once and for all. There is no chapter of the Black Panther Party in WDC, nor does anyone have permission to establish such a chapter at the present time.

Now, the Party does not usually call the press or hold press conferences to discuss internal business within the black community. However, because certain brothers calling themselves "Panthers" have recently collected money from black businesses and other individuals, we must inform the black community that

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these brothers are not Panthers and their requests for contributions must be ignored. All money collected thus far by these so-called "Panthers" has been illegitimately solicited and should be returned to the people. No Panther would ever take anything from the people, since one of our cardinal principles is "Never take anything from the people -- not even a needle or a piece of thread."

Furthermore, there is not such thing as a self proclaimed "Panther Party" or self styled "Panther" leaders. All party chapters are initiated by the Central Committee of the BPP; in other words, groups or individuals seeking to become Panthers must have permission from the Central Committee before starting a local chapter. Such chapters must adopt the National Panther ideology, teach it to the people, and set examples. Party members earn their political and military ranks based on how well they have taught our people and the examples they have set. The brothers posing as Panthers here in WDC, have not met any of these requirements.

If and when a chapter of the BPP is established here in D.C., the people will know -- by the action and work of the party.

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A characterization of the BPP is attached hereto in the appendix.

On the evening of March 6, 1969, Norman Ross, Host of a television program "Checkpoint 14", Television station WFAN, Channel 14, WDC, introduced as guest panalists on his program Robert Rippy, Walter Bishop Cox, and Willard Harrison. These individuals were identified by Ross as Chairman, Deputy Chairman, and Operations Chief, respectively, of the United Black Brotherhood (UBB), WDC. An additional panelist, who appeared after a commercial break made mid-way through the program, was introduced by Ross as Mr. Wallace, Information Officer of the UBB.

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A summary of some of the positions taken by the panelists in the course of the discussion on "Checkpoint 14" are set out below:

Norman Ross opened the program with a remark that the last time he spoke to Rippy on his program, Rippy was associated with the BPP. Rippy responded that Ross was in error, that Rippy had never been with the BPP and that his former association was with the Black Defenders Party (BDP).

Ross's attempt to elicit a definitive statement concerning the aims and objectives of the UBB brought the following responses from Cox: "Basically the UBB is a national organization dedicated to educating and helping black people toward their similar goal, which is liberation." In this regard Cox said that the general public tends to identify any new group similar to the BPP with that organization, since the BPP has been receiving a lot of publicity recently. Cox added, "Actually, our goals are the same, our methods differ only slightly, and personnel differ only in name. We are about the same thing."

Ross asked if there is any working agreement or association between the organizations (ie. BPP and UBB), or if they are two separate organizations. Cox stated that they are separate organizations, but they are seeking the same goal.

Ross asked how extensive an organization the UBB comprises in WDC. Cox refused to give a direct answer to this question stating that it comprises of all black people who have liberation as their goal. He stated that the UBB is recruiting at present. In response to a question from Ross as to whether there are chapters in many citites, Cox responded "Yes." Ross asked Cox how long the UBB has been in existence and Cox stated it has existed for three years. Under further questioning, Cox

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said that the UBB has not been active in WDC that long, having just received national affiliation two days before the date of this program. Asked where the national headquarters of the UBB is located Cox responded "That information is not available."

Norman Ross asked if the UBB has any specific ideological steps for defining its program, such as the ten rules of the BPP. Cox's answer to this question was not responsive. He said that the immediate goal of the UBB is to help black people achieve control of the community in which they live. Ross asked, in this regard, whether the UBB has a mandate from the people to try to accomplish this objective. No answer directly responsive to the question was given, but ensuing comments by Rippy pointed out that the organization formerly known as BDP is now known as the UBB and that this latter organization has just received recognition from the national organization.

At this point Ross returned to the question of the BPP, asking whether this organization did not preceed the BDP in WDC. Rippy denied that this was so, stating that such a statement was printed in the newspapers, but that the information had not come from him.

Ross stated that he had in his possession a letter that someone had sent to him bearing the letterhead of the BPP. Cox asked Ross if the letterhead was that of the national headquarters of the BPP - Oakland, California. Ross stated that it did not have, and that the letter wasindicated to have emanated from BPP, 1327 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. (the N.E., WDC), and indicated it was signed by Robert Rippy, Minister of Defense. At this, Rippy uttered an unintelligible word, and Ross asked him what he had said. Rippy responded, "Maybe I can get somebody for forgery."

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Ross asked Cox if the latter had ever personally had any experience relative to the BPP. Cox replied he had not. Questioned further concerning what ideology, Cox might have in lieu of BPP ideology, Cox replied that the favors community control by the black people. He said that his immediate goal is control of WDC, which he referred to as "Our Nation." He said he hopes to establish common political thought to accomplish such control. Asked by Ross if this would exclude whites (in WDC), Cox said "After we control the community, if we decide to exclude whites, they will be excluded."

Ross asked Cox if the UBB has any affiliations outside the United States, and where these affiliations are. Cox replied that the UBB does have such affiliations, and with regard to location he said, "We can go as far as Peking." Ross asked Cox if he ascribes to the philosophy of the current Peking regime. Cox replied that the goes along with any philosophy that is successful at overthrowing an oppressive hand, and that the Chinese were able to accomplish this.

Asked whether he supported the current regime in Moscow and Cuba, Cox responded "No" and "Yes" respectively.

Ross asked Cox whether he thinks that 400 years of oppression (for the Negro in the United States) can be corrected over night. Cox said "I'm talking of what had better happen." Under questioning regarding the meaning of this statement, Cox said, "The alternative is that you lose the same thing I do. If your city goes up in smoke, I won't be the only one out of a home and a job, and I'm not just speaking of the inner city."

In another series of questions Ross elicited responses from Cox showing that the UBB is structured militarily along the lines of the BPP but Cox said he would not discuss uniforms, firearms practice, etc., since these are policy matters. It was brought out that Cox had had no military service, that Rippy was in the United States Marines for eight years, serving three of these years in Korea, and that Harrison served in the United States Marines. All three said they would refuse to fight in the current Vietnam conflict.

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The latter part of the program accepted telephonic requests from the public. One of the questioners, referring to Cox's feeling that he has been denied certain rights, referred to Cox's ownership of a 1967 (Buick) Wildcat automobile. Cox acknowledged that he owned such a car and stated that he needs it because he drives up to 40,000 miles during an 11 to 12 month period. In conversation developing out of this question Cox said that all the members of the panel have outside employment and are not paid by the UBB. Further, comments from Rippy stated that the UBB does not have any affiliation with any white persons or groups composed of white persons. Rippy said that the only affiliation he has had of this type was about 1 and ½ years ago when he "had the pleasure of working with Mr. Sam Abbott in the Emergency Commission on the Transportation Crisis, an organization of individuals in the "inner-city", WDC, who were oppossed to constuction of highways through residential areas.

One of the questions from the public asked of the implied threats of retaliation by the UBB. Cox said that the UBB would not resort to throwing Molotov cocktails at white people or businesses of the black community, but would instead, "move against institutions that oppress us."

During this portion of the program Rippy took advantage of an opportunity to urge those wishing to join the UBB to go to the temporary headquarters at Rippy's Wig Fashion, 3114 Georgia Avenue, N.W., WDC. At this point Ross asked where the national headquarters of the UBB was located but was informed that this information was "policy" and therefore not for publication. Cox pointed out that the only qualification for joining the UBB is only that the person be black, and wish to help other black people. He said that one of the UBB members is at Rippy's Wig Fashion from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day to talk to prospective members. Questioned by Ross concerning dues for the organization Cox, did not give a responsive answer.

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Ross made the statement that certain organizations using the BPP name were soliciting funds in the black community according to a BPP news release dated March 5, 1969, and asked if the UBB was one of these organizations. Cox replied in the negative adding that the UBB is not selling protection. Another questioner accused the UBB of having no backing in the black community, and asked them to define their program and objectives. Rippy stated that they wish to keep the caller and people like him "in the dark." Cox warned this caller not to appear at UBB headquarters looking for answers to his questions.

As shown above, Walter Cox dominated other UBB members on the panel throughout the program, answering most of the questions directed to the panel and on occasion silencing another member in order to give the answer himself.

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APPENDIX

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CARVER GENE NEBLETT, aka 157-2824-59
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above concerning a special meeting of the Black Panther Party, Washington, D.C., (BPP, WDC), held on 2/25/69, as a result of the visit to WDC of CARVER GENE NEBLETT. Information copies of instant Airtel and LHM are provided for Baltimore, New York, and San Francisco in view of the fact that developments in this matter and the current movements of NEBLETT are of interest to those offices. Two copies are provided for Boston, O of O in the investigation of NEBLETT.

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The LHM is classified "Confidential" to protect the identity of above sources. It is being disseminated locally to AUSA, Secret Service, and local military agencies.

Identities of persons attending the BPP meeting on 2/25/69, not named in LHM to provide additional security for sources covering the meeting were [redacted]

With reference to "EUTHIS," mentioned in LHM, WFO A/T and LHM dated 2/11/69 reported that this individual, further identified as J. PANNELL, is a Field Marshall for the BPP, WDC, who was reportedly in California at that time. He is the subject of a pending investigation at WFO, file 157-2255.

WFO will follow developments relating to NEBLETT's visit to WDC and its effect on local BPP activities.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised that an emergency meeting of the Black Panther Party (BPP), of Washington, D.C. (WDC), was called by Minister of Defense Robert Rippy. The meeting was held on February 25, 1969, from 8:30 p.m., to approximately 11:00 p.m., at Rippy's Wig Fashion, 3114 Georgia Avenue, N.W., WDC. Five Negro males were in attendance, including Rippy and the Deputy Minister of Defense, Walter Bishop Cox, also known as "Tony."

The members were informed that Carver Gene Neblett, also known as "Chico," the BPP Field Marshal for the East Coast is in WDC, and has notified the BPP, WDC, that it can no longer use the BPP name for their organization. Neblett also notified the BPP, WDC, that all funds have been raised through use of that name must be turned over to him. Neblett further stated that if these demands are not met by the BPP, WDC, that the national organization will "move against" Rippy.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, WASHINGTON, D.C.

Rippy explained to the members that the national BPP organization is suffering from internal problems and is currently attempting to improve its image in California. As a result it is not accepting any new chapters. During the course of the meeting Rippy mentioned, however, that "Euthis" is already in California undergoing training.

Source advised that it was mentioned at the meeting that an additional purpose in Neblett's visit to WDC was to deal with an attempt by a "maverick" member of the BPP, other than those in the BPP, WDC, who is reportedly trying to "get something started" in WDC. It was indicated that Neblett will remain in WDC only a few days before going to California. He is staying in WDC at the residence of Jean Hughes, also known as "Coco," former WDC secretary of Stokely Carmichael, Prime Minister of the national BPP.

In the discussion of Neblett's demands among the members an apparent concensus was struck that affiliation with the national BPP is not vital to the BPP, WDC, and that they will probably return to the name they previously used, Black Defenders Party. It was also decided that funds solicited from local merchants under the BPP name will be returned to those merchants rather than turned over to Neblett.

Source advised that the membership was generally resentful of Neblett's demands, and that Rippy expressed general dissatisfaction with his entire experience with the BPP movement. Rippy stated that no new members will be accepted into the BPP, WDC, for the time being, since he feels that it is already infiltrated by the police. He indicated that he might get out of this type of activity altogether, but warned that if anyone "moved" against him, they had better hit him first and hard, because he will "move" against them if they fail.

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It was decided that definite plans for the future of the BPP, WDC, will be established at the next regular meeting on March 2, 1969.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, has determined additional details concerning Neblett's current visit to WDC. This source learned that Neblett came to WDC from New York City on February 25, 1969, and will return to that city tomorrow unless he is able to raise some money in WDC before that time. He is trying to contact McKinley Richardson, owner-operator of the Alhambra Restaurant, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, from whom he hopes to obtain some funds.

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Re: Bureau letter to Albany, dated 3/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five, and for each continental office is one copy of a photograph and biographical sheet on CARVER GENE NEBLETT.

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Identities of the additional members of the UBB in attendance at the UBB meeting, not named therein for security reasons, were: [redacted]

With reference to the discussion of CARVER GENE NEBLETT, mentioned in LHM, it is noted that WALTER COX told the other members that he had been in touch with UBB and Black Guard officials and it was decided that NEBLETT should be "dealt with". COX said, "NEBLETT should end up horizontal, man, like looking up, feet looking straight up, dead", and was heard to state that the "hit" against NEBLETT will be in two or three weeks.

Sources advised that future meetings of the UBB will apparently be at COX's residence, and that COX instructed all of the members present at the meeting to contact him by telephone two or three times a week.

For the information of PH and PG, captioned organization has been operating since late 1968 as the Black Panther Party, Washington, D.C. It has had little success; however, in attracting members or establishing a program of activities to attract public support. The group was unsuccessful, as well, in gaining the endorsement of the Black Panther Party. On 3/5/69, NEBLETT made a statement to the press at WDC that there was no chapter of the BPP in WDC, and none was authorized. This action followed warnings from NEBLETT to RIPPY and COX to cease use of the BPP name. These events

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apparently forced COX to rename the organization United Black Brotherhood, in order to have an organizational name under which members of the group could make a scheduled appearance on a local television panel discussion show at WDC on 3/6/69.

WFO has no indices record of the United Black Brotherhood.

PH and PG are requested to advise, through a check of indices and racial sources, of information substantiating COX's claim that the UBB has its headquarters in Pittsburgh and has a chapter in Philadelphia.

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The first item discussed at the meeting was the acceptance of a new name for the organization. In light of the refusal of the Black Panther Party to accept the group as a chapter of that organization, it was decided that they will henceforth be known as the United Black Brotherhood (UBB). Cox produced a great amount of typed literature having to do with the UBB, and described the UBB as a national group affiliated with the "national black united front" movement. He mentioned that there is a UBB organization in Philadelphia. He also mentioned that the Black Guard is the military arm of the UBB. He stated that some members of the Black Guard reside in WDC, but that there is no Black Guard organization in the city. It was indicated that above literature had come from Pittsburgh, where the headquarters of UBB is located, and that the leader of the UBB is David Owens, also known as Davidad Shalom, of Pittsburgh.

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According to the Black Guard Organizing Manual, which is identical to the organizing manual of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), the Black Guard is a black youth group dedicated to black power, black unity, and self defense. The Black Guard is the forerunner of the Black Liberation Army.

Characterizations of RAM and BPP are attached hereto in the appendix.

Rippy advised the members present that he is abandoning active participation in the affairs of the organization, for personal and business reasons. He had little to contribute at this meeting, which was dominated by Cox.

Cox spent most of the meeting time reading aloud from the UBB and Black Guard literature, and from the writings of MAO Tse-tung. Cox said that the national organization is so powerful that it can get any member out of the United States and into China within ten days.

Cox told the members that they will have to get airline credit cards, in order to be available for immediate travel if so ordered by the organization. He said that situations often arise in other cities requiring the assistance of a UBB member. He gave, as an example, a case in Petersburg, Virginia, in which three young Negro girls were kidnaped, and one was found dead. He indicated that this might be a case deserving of some investigation by the UBB.

Cox stated that the UBB in WDC will undertake a recruiting drive, and that black men and women of all ages are eligible for membership. He said that the group will have no single leader, and that all of the members present at this meeting will be equally trained, and have equal rank.

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There was some discussion during the meeting of the action of Carver Gene Neblett, Field Marshall of the BPP for his public statement the previous week that this group had no right to use the BPP name. Members present were resentful of Neblett's actions, and he was denounced by Cox as a "counter-revolutionist".

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled, "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto," the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963 by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of Robert F. Williams, then residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto disclosed that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black"political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism; that is, one involving the struggles of the nonwhite races of the world against the exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka Black Panther Party for Self Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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